CLAIMS

We claim:

- 1 1. A method for processing invoices, comprising the steps
- 2 of:
- 3 preparing an invoice image;
- 4 storing said invoice image in an image store;
- 5 keying said image to invoice data;
- 6 communicating invoice confirmation request to a
- 7 requester, said request including said invoice data and
- 8 a link to said invoice image;
- 9 responsive to requester selection of said link,
- 10 displaying said invoice image.

- 1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
- 2 preparing said invoice images by scanning paper
- 3 invoices received from a vendor.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of:
- preparing other of said invoice images by converting

 electronic invoices received from a vendor into an

 image file representation having the look and feel of a

 paper invoice.
- 4. The method of claim 1, said invoice confirmation
 request advising said requester to process said confirmation
 as negative confirmation or a positive confirmation.
- 1 5. The method of claim 4, said invoice confirmation
- 2 request further advising said requester to log on to a
- 3 front- end requisition and catalog server to view invoices
- 4 for confirmation.

- 1 6. The method of claim 5, further comprising the step
- 2 responsive to said requester logging on to said front-end
- 3 server of displaying a list of invoices awaiting
- 4 confirmation and responsive to user selection of a selected
- 5 invoice, presenting images of invoices corresponding to
- 6 links selected by said requester.
- 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of
- 2 presenting to said requester an interface for selecting
- 3 images of invoices matching a selection criteria.
- 1 8. A method for processing invoices, comprising the steps
- 2 of:
- 3 selectively executing a positive confirmation process
- 4 or a negative confirmation process;
- 5 said confirmation processes including communicating to
- a user browser an image of said invoice to be approved,
- 7 said image selectively resulting from scanning a paper
- 8 invoice, or from converting an electronic invoice, into
- 9 an image file.

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	2	a front-end requisition and catalog system;
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	4	a scanner for scanning images of invoices;
	5	an image system and store for storing said scanned
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	7	said invoice;
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and and	9	requisition request, receiving confirmation requests,
2	10	and viewing images of invoices from said image system
	11	and store;
	12	said front-end system selectively receiving requisition
	13	requests from said workstation, forwarding said
	14	requisition requests to said back-end system, and
	15	receiving confirmation requests from said back-end
	16	system for forwarding to said workstation; and

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9. A system for processing invoices, comprising:

17	said back-end system selectively issuing purchase
18	orders against said requisitions, receiving and
19	processing invoices, keying invoice images to invoice
20	information, and processing confirmation requests to
21	said front-end system for communication to said
22	workstation.

- 1 10. A program storage device readable by a machine,
- 2 tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a
- 3 machine to perform method steps for processing invoices,
- 4 said method steps comprising:
- 5 preparing an invoice image;
- storing said invoice image in an image store;
- 7 keying said image to invoice data;
- communicating invoice confirmation request to a requester, said request including said invoice data and
- 10 a link to said invoice image;

11	responsive to requester selection of said link,
12	displaying said invoice image.
1	11. A computer program product or computer program element
2	for processing invoices according to steps comprising:
3	preparing an invoice image;
4	storing said invoice image in an image store;
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5	keying said image to invoice data;
6	communicating invoice confirmation request to a

9 responsive to requester selection of said link,

a link to said invoice image;

10 displaying said invoice image.

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